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Welcome to *Generosity in Action*! This regular update celebrates the many ways people at Trinity share their time, abilities, talents, and finances to enable us to spread God's love and grace together. Have a suggestion for a future issue? Please send your ideas to liz@trinitystreetsville.org

Generosity fuels Camp Trinity!



Did you know that Camp Trinity has operated for the past 11 summers? During that time, thousands of children in Streetsville and beyond have enjoyed our fun, safe, inspirational day camp. We are thankful that local families have placed their trust in us over the years!

Camp Trinity was packed with fun experiences for nearly 500 campers this year. Through Bible stories, music, games, and conversation, we introduced campers to Jesus and showed them how much God loves them. Other activities included swimming, bowling, rock climbing, canoeing, glow-in-the-dark mini golf, trips to Chudleigh's, Kelso Conservation Area, and Springridge Farm, and the ever-popular "Water Day," which featured super soakers and a giant inflatable waterslide and pool on Trinity's side lawn.

Operating our camp ministry is only possible with the commitment of many people, including camp and Trinity staff, volunteers, and financial supporters. This year, an unexpected reduction in grant funding meant we would likely fall short of funds for camp subsidies and other expenses. When we shared this news with the congregation, parishioners responded with tremendous generosity, providing funds to subsidize 67 camper registrations! Thank you for blessing local families who otherwise could not have sent their kids to camp. Thank you also to our camp sponsor, Graham Training and Consulting Inc.!

Camp Trinity 2023 by the Numbers		2023 Camper Registrations by Group	
Camp Registrations	954	Junior Kids (ages 4 and 5)	115
Individual campers	482	Little Kids (grades 1 or 2)	139
Subsidized registrations	67	Big Kids (entering grades 3, 4 or 5)	334
Amount donated for subsidies	\$12,090	Youth (entering grades 6, 7 or 8)	366
Camp staff (Supervisors, Leaders/Counsellors, Leaders in Training, Maintenance support)	43	Total Camper Registrations	954
Volunteers	17		

A camp highlight was hearing the children and youth worshipping God in the sanctuary. *My Lighthouse* was clearly a favourite, sung loudly and with great enthusiasm:

*I won't fear what tomorrow brings
 With each morning I'll rise and sing
 My God's love will lead me through
 You are the peace in my troubled sea!
 Oh, you are the peace in my troubled sea!*

Thank you to everyone who made Camp Trinity such a success this year!

Camp Trinity can have a life-long impact



Brooke Lavery
 Camp Supervisor

Twenty-year-old Camp Trinity supervisor Brooke Lavery first came to Trinity at age seven when her grandparents brought her and her brother Tyler to the Christmas Eve service in 2010. That introduction began a family Christmas tradition that continues to this day. It was also the start of Brooke's connection to Trinity, which would deeply impact her life.

"My grandparents, Larry and Marion Lavery, heard about Camp Trinity at church and thought I would enjoy it," says Brooke. "I went for two weeks in July 2016 and loved it. The following summer, I became a Leader in Training (LIT)!"

Camp Trinity provides excellent opportunities for young people to develop their gifts, interpersonal and leadership skills, and gain volunteer and work experience over several summers. Camp Trinity's

LIT program prepares youth entering grade 9 and up to become camp counsellors. Initial training occurs in June and is immediately followed by five weeks as a Camp Trinity volunteer.

Following her LIT experience, Brooke volunteered for two summers of camp, enabling her to finish high school with 1,000 volunteer hours! In 2020, Brooke joined the camp staff as a leader and has been a supervisor for the last three years.

During her years on the Camp Trinity team, Brooke also became involved in other Trinity ministries. She attended the Youth Group for five years and joined the Young Adults group in her first year of university. Brooke has also volunteered occasionally in the toddler room over the past two years.

Since age five, Brooke has wanted to become a teacher. She is currently studying Primary/Junior Concurrent Education at Brock University. In this six-year program, which she expects to complete in 2027, Brooke will earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Child and Youth Studies and a Bachelor of Education degree. Despite her busy schedule, Brooke remains connected to Trinity's Young Adults group and attends a Bible study group at Brock's Faith and Life Centre.

"I have learned a lot from all the teachers I've had," explains Brooke. "However, my experience at Camp Trinity laid a foundation on which to build. Many of the techniques I learned at Camp Trinity will benefit me as a teacher. I'm very thankful for the leadership development opportunities that Camp Trinity has provided me," says Brooke, "I'm always excited for summer because of it!"

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